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writers, and miserable adaptations from the French stage-" Harlequin and Cock Robin, and the Elephant of Siam,—as it is only by a rapid succession of novelties, and the appearance of an occasional "star," like Miss Kemble, that audiences can be procured. We are happy, however, to perceive that Opera (particularly that of the Italian and German schools,) continues to advance in public favor, affording evidence that the cultivation of musical knowledge and taste is on the increase.

The French Company commenced their performances for the season, at the English Opera House last week. Potier (the Liston of the French stage) appeared in the Centenaire, and afterwards as the Bourgemestre de Saardam. His able delineations of these characters earned for him the warm acclamations of the audience, and confirmed the high character he has long since attained in his own country.

Bishop is busily engaged at Covent Garden Theatre, in getting up the Maid of Paliseau, of which he is the adapter. It is expected to be produced early in the present month. Miss Paton is to be the heroine, and the other characters are said to be strongly cast.

Laporte has returned from the Continent, after recruiting new forces for the ensuing campaign at the Italian Opera House. Lalande is said to be engaged as the prima donna.

#### MUSICAL SOCIETIES.

We are glad to observe, that in addition to the Anacreontic, the Philharmonic Society has resumed its sittings at the Rotunda, under new and improved regulations. Mr. James Barton has been appointed leader. The last evening we attended (Wednesday se'nnight,) the selection commenced with Beethoven's symphony in D, which was succeeded by Rossini's Cenerentola, both admirably performed. Two glees by Bishop followed, after which we had the "Two blind men of Toledo," an overture by Mehul, which expresses, with beautiful simplicity, the chief interest of the piece.

We had likewise Weber's overture to Euryanthe.

We enjoyed our evening, and cordially wish the society every success. It is gratifying to see respectable men joining together to support genuine musical performances in our city, and we are happy to find that they can trust to the attractions of the art itself, stimulus of viands and wine. unaided by the

Carlingfords and mulled port at Morrison's, in the private room above stairs, are no bad things of a frosty and sleety night, but on this occasion we stole away impransi, in satisfied and tranquil mood, and reached our peaceful home at the canonical hour of eleven.

## ORIGINAL POETRY.

ON EARLY DECAY.

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Who that has watched—from day to day, The stealthy pace of slow decay; Has seen each ling ring heauty fade, Beneath its dim and twilight shade; Has seen the soul—like taper's light, Hat wance cach moment—yet less bright—Haply at times more vivid beam, Flashing an instants's fifful gleam—Yet fu the effort losing streagth Sinking the lower;—'till at length The spirit of its being flies—The soul exhales—the body dies! Who has beheld the wasting form Ere now, with glowing freshness warm, The soat of beauty—grace divine—Drooping in early—aver—decline?—Beheld all this! Nor yet has felt His soften'd heart in pity melt;—

Beheld!—nor shed an inward tear
For youth thus snatch'd—for death so near!
None could behold such scene unmov'd;
And few untaught—few unimprov'd,
Could see th' unconscious victim smile
(Nor dream of pain or death the while)—
A smile that o'er her wan face plays,
As though to mock its marble traits.
And oh'—when o'er the faded brow A smile that o'er her wan face plays,
As though to mock its marble traits.
And oh!—when o'er the faded brow
The hectic flush awhile shall glow;
How like the flick ring cloud—that, lit
By the last sun-heam, seems to flit
And hover o'er the dark hing seene,
To show us where his light has been;
And warn us—with a thought of fear,
The shades of gloomy night are near!
To tell of glory's fading ray,
As hectic tells of pale decay!
How like!—And like that light cloud too,
Anon dissolved, 'tis lost to view;
And round us steals the pale twilight—
The harbinger of coming night.
'Tis sad—to see the set of life,
The struggling spirit's feeble strife;
But oh! one glorious hope remains,
Reward of earthly toils and pains—
One hope from Christian faith is drawn—
The promise of a future dawn;
When souls that set on earth's dull shore,
Shall rise in heaven, to set no more!
Such thoughts—and such alone, have pow'r
To gild in death—the last chill hour;
And round the brow of youth's decline
A flow'ry wreath of hope to twine! M.

The following compliment was found by Michael Angelo, written on the pedestal of his figure of Night, which accompanies the Aurora, beneath the statues of Julian and Lorenzo de Medici;-

La notte, che tu vedi in se dolci atti Dormire, fu da un Angelo scolpita In questo sasso, e perchè dorme ha vita; Destala se no 'l credi, e parleratti.

The artist immediately pencilled the answer of the

Grato m' e il sonno, ma piul' esser di sasso, Mentre che il danno e la vergogna dara Non vedir e non sentir m' e gran ventura

Pero non me destar-deh! parla basso.

TRANSLATION.
Night, whom thou seest reclined in matchless grace,
An Angel hand carved out in breathing stone,
That life glows warm upon her sleeping face
Shouldst thou but doubt—speak, and her voice
shall own.

THE ANSWEB.

Oh! rouse me not! Be hush'd th' inquiring tone, I love to sleep—and more to be of stone.

I love to sleep—and leach heaving breast—Then, not to see nor feel, is to be blest.

For the above delicious gem we are indebted to the same fair and far-distaut friend who last week favored us with the anecdote of Denon.

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We place, of course, the most implicit reliance on Hakaf's statement, and shall redeem the pledge touching his relique, on the carliest opportunity.

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